

During the June meeting of the Douglas County Fair Board, the Fair Board approved a proposal to change the format of the Douglas County Fair. The proposal adopted for 2020 Douglas County Fair will provide a showcase for 4-H members to exhibit their projects. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the approved proposal will cancel the normal public events our fair contains; this includes all entertainment and commercial events for the 2020 Douglas County Fair. We understand that this decision affects a lot of people in our county and was not taken lightly. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work through these unprecedented times. The Fair Board has met with the Douglas County Extension Council and has worked to create the opportunity for all 4-H/FFA participants to have their 2020 projects judged at the Douglas County Free Fair.

Currently, there are no plans for Open Class exhibits/displays for 2020. The Fair Board will limit spectators to 4-H exhibitors and family during any activity held at the fairgrounds based on health department recommendations in effect at the time of the activity. The Fair Board will investigate providing online streaming of selected activities to the general public.

The Fair Board and Extension staff have been in consultation with State, County, and City officials to make sure plans for judging 4-H projects meet social distancing and crowd requirements. While the board is disappointed that a traditional fair will not be possible it is proud that an alternative could be provided to support the 4-H exhibitors.

Any 4-H questions or comments should be directed to the Douglas County Fair Board at [dgcountyksfair@gmail.com](mailto:dgcountyksfair@gmail.com), or the Douglas County Extension Office at 785-843-7058.

There will be no camping allowed on the fairgrounds. Please check our website, [www.dgcountyfair.com](http://www.dgcountyfair.com) or our Facebook page for additional information as it becomes available.